

## EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT: WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST, ATHENS RANGER DISTRICT, OHIO

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Wayne National Forest located within Perry, Hocking, Athens, Vinton, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, and Washington, Counties, Ohio. Said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

Entering or being upon or in an area described in the Order as being closed pursuant to (36 CFR 261.53(e)) for reasons of public health and safety. The following areas are Ordered Closed until termination of this Emergency Order or 120 days from signature date, whichever comes first:

**Athens Ranger District (Includes Athens and Marietta Units)** 

With the following exceptions:

<u>Athens Unit</u> – Burr Oak Campground, New & Old Stone Church Horse Camps (camping only), Sand Run Picnic Area, Utah Ridge Pond, Wildcat Hollow Trailhead (camping only), Ora Anderson Nature Trail and Monroe Outlook;

OHV trailheads – Sycamore (P1), Elm (P2), Scarlet Oak (P3), Red Oak (P4), New Straitsville and Monday Creek;

OHV trails – Mine Shaft (between P2-P3), Dorr Run Loop (between P1-P4 and Main Corridor trail and P3), Main Corridor, Snake Hollow, Williams Connector, Camp Ohio Connector, New Straitsville Loop and Connector and Bowl Trail;

<u>Marietta Unit</u> - Frontier Boat Launch; Lane Farm, Hune Bridge, Haught Run & Ring Mill Campgrounds

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY/RESOURCES. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THIS ORDER WILL TERMINATE 120 DAYS FROM THE SIGNED DATE OF THE ORDER OR, PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION DATE WHEN WITHDRAWN BY A TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4).

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 3rd day of July 2012, at Nelsonville, Ohio.

/s/ Anne G. Carey
Anne G. Carey
Forest Supervisor

Wayne National Forest